Completion of Jammu-Udhampur railway line

*195. SHRI SHABB1R AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Jammu-Udhampur railway line is expected to be completed;

(b) what is the total allocation at present and what are the establishment expenses;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the allocation in public interest; and

(d) whether Government have surveyed the said link line beyond Udhampur to Qazigund in valley and have also surveyed the line to be laid in the valley; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) *A* statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) By 1994-95.

(b) Allocation for 1991-92: Rs. 17.20 crores. Establishment costs for **all** categories of staff; Rs. 1.25 crores.

(c) Allocation is adequate for the planned progress during the *year* and for completion of the work by the target date.

(d) A Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for a line from Udhampur to Qazigund had been conducted by RITES. As per the Survey Report, the line was estimated to cost Rs. 779 crores with a ruling gradient of 1 in 100, based on 1987 price. Subsequently, the RITES carried oat Bi-model Study and submitted the Report in March, 1989. The salient features of 3 alternatives considered in this study are as follows:—

Alternative	Cost Rs. in Crores)	Track' Route Length K/m
1. *New rail BG line* — Udhampur-Qizigund —Srinagar with 1 in 4C(C)/ , 80(C| G-iii -at coupbd with appropriate augmentation of <xi:ting roid from Ujhampur to S.-inagjr during construction period ofthe project :'	794	196-3
2. *New BG rail line* Uiinrnr-Qizigund-Srinagir 1 in 100(C) gradient couphd with augntntion of xisting Udhampur-Srinagar road during the can;truction p-riod	1356	271-64
3.Nw Road from Udhampur to Qazigund and upgradation form Qfzi-gitl to S.inagu coup! id with appropriate augmentation of existing road	454	228

Inquiry Committee report on perumon railway tragedy

*196. SHRI M. A. BABY; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the final conclusions of the Expert Committt e which examined the report on Perumon Train Tragedy?

(b) the steps taken by Government in order to prevent similar accidents in future on the basis of the reports; and

(c) the details of the compensation paid and the number of cases still pending with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF**):** (a)